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CINCPAC FOR J4

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: AFP REQUESTS FMS P&B FOR F-8J AIRCRAFT

1. THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) HAS REQUESTED PLANNING AND BUDGETARY DATA ON 35 F-8J AIRCRAFT. THE AFP INTENTION IS TO FORM A SECOND F-8 SQUADRON, BUILDING ON THE F-8H SQUADRON NOW BEING DEVELOPED.

2. OUR PREVIOUS CONCERN OVER THE LONG TERM SUPPORTABILITY OF THE F-8 SYSTEM REMAINS. MOREOVER, ALTHOUGH THE F-8J WOULD PRESUMABLY CARRY A LOW INITIAL PRICE AS DID THE F-8H, THE FUNDS REQUIRED FOR THIS PURCHASE WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT AND MIGHT BE BETTER DIRECTED TO INCREASING THE CAPABILITIES OF AND SUPPORT FOR EXISTING SYSTEMS. JUSMAG HAS MADE THESE POINTS REPEATEDLY TO THE AFP BUT ULTIMATELY THE DECISION RESTS WITH THE AFP AND IT HAS OPTED TO EXPLORE PURCHASE OF
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THE F-8J. WHAT PRIORITY THE ADDITIONAL F-8S WILL HAVE IN COMPETITION WITH OTHER ONGOING AFP PROGRAMS REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

3. WITH MILITARY-TO-MILITARY DISCUSSIONS ON THE BASES PROCEEDING WELL AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE FACT THAT WE DID

GIVE THE GREEN LIGHT ON PURCHASE OF THE F-8H, WE RECOMMEND THAT WE NOT RPT NOT DELAY IN PROVIDING THE REQUESTED P AND B INFORMATION ON THE F-8J. (WE UNDERSTAND INFORMALLY THAT THERE ARE 37 F-8J AIRCRAFT AT THE DAVIS-MONTHAN STORAGE FACILITY. WE ALSO HEAR THAT THAILAND MAY BE INTERESTED IN THESE AIRCRAFT.) MURPHY

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